



# WEATHER & CROPS

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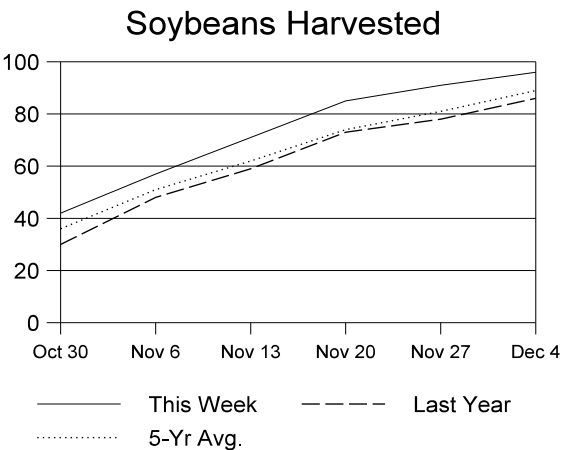
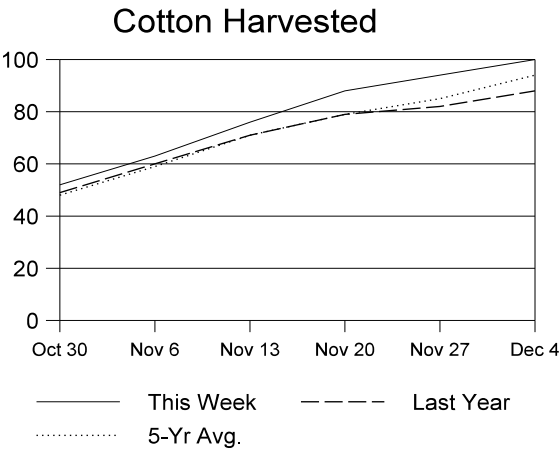
## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 4, 2005

Cool temperatures along with heavy rains and snow showers limited outdoor activity in the Commonwealth during the week of November 28, - December 4, 2005. The state received an average total rainfall of 1.50 inches and the average temperature for the week was 44.2 degrees. Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. The rain provided adequate moisture for the soil, and hayfields across the state are looking good. Wheat is looking good, but some areas reported that the cool and damp conditions slowed wheat emerging. Soybean harvesting is moving along ahead of schedule with 96 % of the crop harvested; this is up 5% more than last year at this time. Other activities for the week include hunting, repairing equipment, cleaning up around the farm, soil sampling, applying fertilizer, working on end of year records, attending pesticide classes and repairing fences.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 30, 2005	16	21	54	9
November 6, 2005	9	27	63	1
November 13, 2005	13	33	53	1
November 20, 2005	10	28	61	1
November 27, 2005	5	20	71	4
December 4, 2005	2	10	74	14

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	14	22	43	19	2
Livestock	2	3	26	62	7
Hay, (other)	11	19	56	13	1
Hay, (alfalfa)	8	17	53	21	1
Winter Wheat	1	4	35	57	3
Barley	0	3	31	57	9

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from	41	52	81	NA
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	12	20	19	NA
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	54	62	81	NA
Soybeans Harvested	96	91	86	89
Winter Wheat Seeded	98	94	93	92
Winter Wheat Emerged	68	42	79	16
Cotton Harvested	100	94	88	94



Weather Summary for the Week Ending December 4, 2005							
Weather Station	Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)				Precipitation (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
<b>NORTHERN</b>							
Woodstock	65	16	39	-3	1.45	0.88	4
The Plains	66	21	40	-2	1.34	0.57	5
Winchester 7 SE	64	17	38	-1	2.57	1.93	4
Dale Enterprise	63	17	37	-3	1.36	0.79	5
<b>WESTERN</b>							
Glasgow	69	28	42	0	2.40	1.70	5
Roanoke AP	70	29	45	3	2.39	1.69	4
Waynesboro	64	24	41	3	2.20	1.58	4
Staunton AG	65	21	39	-1	1.89	1.27	4
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
Somerset	66	22	41	-1	1.84	1.07	5
Piedmont Res ST	66	22	42	2	1.20	0.43	4
Bremo Bluff	68	22	42	-2	1.21	0.51	4
Richmond AP	74	30	50	6	1.00	0.30	3
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Eastville	70	35	50	3	0.55	-0.22	2
Wallops Island	68	30	50	4	0.59	-0.04	2
Williamsburg	73	28	52	7	0.55	-0.22	5
Keyville	70	27	46	5	1.94	1.24	4
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
Blacksburg AG	67	23	40	2	1.17	0.54	4
Wytheville	65	21	40	2	1.55	0.94	5
Saltville	68	22	40	0	2.20	1.48	3
Richlands	68	22	41	6	1.60	0.83	4
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Stuart	67	28	45	4	2.35	1.53	4
Danville AG	69	29	45	2	2.22	1.52	4
Chatham	68	26	43	2	1.92	1.15	4
Martinsville	71	24	41	0	1.38	0.61	4
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>							
Norfolk VA	75	34	53	6	0.68	-0.02	2
Oceana	74	33	53	4	0.64	-0.06	2
Emporia	73	29	49	6	0.57	-0.20	5
Newport News	76	32	53	6	0.79	0.09	3

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.  
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.